

Cathedral School
parent-teacher association
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THE MINUTES OF THE SECOND GENERAL BODY MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 31ST July, 2019

The Second General Body Meeting of the Cathedral School Parent Teacher Association for the Academic Year 2019 - 2020 was held on Wednesday, 31st July, 2019, in the Senior School Hall, at 2:45 p.m.

Mrs. Anuli Benjamin, Chairperson of the Association, presided over the meeting.

The Chairperson opened the meeting with a welcome to all.

The minutes of the First General Body Meeting held on the 12th April, 2019, were available for inspection at the Bursar's office.

“RESOLVED unanimously that the minutes of the First General Body Meeting held on Friday, 12th April, 2018, be and are hereby taken as read, approved and confirmed.”

Proposed by:

Seconded by:

Mrs.Shagun Gogia

Mrs.Shona Jain

On behalf of the PTA she extended a warm welcome to the new Headmistress of the Senior school, Mrs. Rebecca Roberts, and requested the Hon. Secretary Shona Jain to present a token of appreciation from the PTA to Mrs. Roberts.

She requested Mrs. Isaacs to give away the PTA gives prizes for exceptional performances in the Board examinations held earlier in the year, which, like every year, have been outstanding. Prizes were given for:

ICSE std. 10

ISC std. 12

IBDP std. 12

Mrs. Benjamin then requested Mrs. Isaacs to address everyone.

Mrs. Isaacs' Remarks

Results:

Mrs. Isaacs presented the results of:

ICSE std. 10

ISC std. 12

IBDP std. 12

- In spite of the school being relatively new at the IBDP, there was clearly an upward trend in the results.
- Students, teachers, parents and tuition teachers were all jointly responsible for the results across all three Board Examinations.
- Mrs. Isaacs said that Cathedral children tend to excel in any field that they choose – academics, sports, art, drama, etc. This is thanks to the privileges that they receive, including extensive travel as well as reading. They are lucky and fortunate to have this.

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Other Issues:

- Current trends, especially with students of the Middle School, seem to be largely influenced by the internet. The children's sense of self-worth/ value has received a beating; they need to be emotionally stronger and socially more resilient.
- The school and home need to work together as a team to strengthen the children and parents should feel free to reach out to the school for help on these issues.
- Although Senior School students are more mature, social media seems to impact not only them, but also adults.
- Children are sliding into a sense of depravity while their minds are being polluted without any monitoring.
- Children need to know right from wrong and also need to be monitored in terms of time spent as well as content appropriate to their age on the internet; students are expressing themselves without any sense of appropriateness or limits.
- It is more important to be a good parent, than a popular one; explaining and communicating with the children on these issues is of utmost importance.
- Rules with a sense of time and place for all expression and activities are important as well as to set boundaries.
- 55% of Indians between the ages of 14yrs & 28yrs are susceptible to depression.
- Dr. Zirak Marker recently addressed the Middle school parent body on related issues, and Mr. Mehta will speak on cyber security to address some of the internet related issues.

Mrs. Shona Jain Hon. Secretary, proposed a vote of thanks.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned; the evening concluded with tea hosted by the Pre-Primary section of the school.

Chairperson

Hon. Secretary

Mrs. Anuli Benjamin

Mrs. Shona Jain